



Michael Harmon is the lone SGA presidential candidate in this year's elections. There are nine total candidates for six positions, and all candidates spoke of the "gap" between SGA and the student body.

## Lonely

*Few students show up for SGA forum;  
candidates concerned about lack of interest*

CARLO ANGERER — Sports/Photo Editor

Young voters are excited about politics. Last week hundreds of students showed up to hear Bill Clinton talk at the Morehead Conference Center.

When it comes to campus politics students do not seem as excited. The Student Government Association (SGA) is in trouble as this year's executive election is coming up next week. Wednesday night's candidate forum uncovered the problems.

"There is a gap between students and SGA that is far greater, than it should be," Christopher Burgin, candidate for vice president of administration, said. "There is something wrong, something has to be done."

About 25 students showed up to meet the nine candidates for six positions. Several seats were empty in the lobby of the Adron Doran University Center. Chairs were stacked along the wall waiting for more students.

Madonna Weathers, vice president for student life, said, "I am disappointed about the turnout," but could not offer a

solution for the problem.

Low turnout is not the only problem. So is the number of candidates. Candidates for president, executive vice president and vice president of public relations are all running uncontested. Election Commissioner Neil Arnett said last year two candidates ran for president and executive vice president. He sees public relations as a problem.

"I think one of the things is that a lot of students don't even know what SGA is," Arnett said.

Some of those who do know the organization are "intimidated," student Phillip Jordan said during the forum: "Student's won't come to SGA. They think they're [SGA] too big. They can't help us."

All candidates agreed and scrambled for solutions.

Benjamin Conner, candidate for executive vice president said, "We need to challenge ourselves."

Presidential candidate Michael Harmon said, "I will visit all organiza-

tions on campus and all MSU 101 classes within the first 50 days."

"There are people on campus that we don't reach," Valencia Dickerson, candidate for vice president of campus involvement said.

More problems for SGA are on the horizon. For the April 8 election, to be held from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. in ADUC, students will have to vote on paper ballots. Because of changes to online services, online voting is not available.

"I do think it will hurt that people can't vote online," Arnett said. "I have spoken with the IT department - we have tried... It's extremely aggravating."

To give students not on campus April 8 a voice, absentee voting will be held throughout next week at the Student Life Office.

Facing these issues, Harmon, who would become the next SGA president, said it would take a joint effort from students and the SGA to "break down the walls."

## New police chief named

CARLO ANGERER — Sports/Photo Editor

James "Matt" Sparks of Morehead confirmed Wednesday night that he has been named Morehead State University's new chief of police.

Sparks said he got the news March 27 and was ready to take on duties of the position.

"I'm really looking forward to getting back into law enforcement," he said.

Sparks retired last year after 21 years with the Kentucky State Police and currently works as an inspector for Energy Management Services.

Sparks has two college-age children and said he is especially excited about working on a college campus in his hometown.

He said he would report for duty on April 21.

## Budget brings potential changes to campus

SARAH PERRY — Editor

The budget crisis has forced MSU to open its ledgers and comb through every spending nook and cranny for opportunities where trimming and savings might be accomplished.

As part of that effort, administrators are looking at two outsourcing options that could save money, or generate more revenue.

The University Bookstore and Building Services are being looked at as possible areas of "privatization," which would put the operation into the hands of another business.

Mike Walters, vice president for Administration and Fiscal Services, said if privatization occurs for the bookstore, the vendor would take over the operation on a day-to-day basis, collect money from sales and pay the expenses of operating that unit.

But in the case of Building Services, where no money is flowing in, the university would pay the contractor to perform that service, Walters said.

Nothing is concrete yet, he said.

"We're just asking questions and gathering information so we can make informed decisions," Walters said. "In the process of preparing for those potential cuts, we pretty much put everything on the table and look at everything we're doing."

Requests for proposals have been issued to three bookstore vendors - Barnes and Noble, Follett and Valdis, which used to be known as Nebraska Books. Walters said the companies are all "major players" in the textbook industry.

Walters expects the proposals to be completed by May 6. Proposals will be evaluated to see what the companies "can do for Morehead State University," he said.

He said The proposals will be compared to the current in-house operations of the bookstore, and the administration will "make a decision based on those facts and circumstances."

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## Fans flock to film fest

*Ten teams compete in movie challenge*

RACHAEL HILL & ADDIE HERMAN — Staff Writers

As time grew closer to the start of the premiere, more and more people began to gather under the glowing marquee that read, "Film Challenge."

Crowds lined up outside Chakares University Cinema Monday night to watch the fourth annual MSU Film Challenge. Jeffery Hill, assistant professor of communication, said between 325 and 350 students, faculty and local people made up the largest crowd ever for the event.

The MSU Film Challenge is a collaborative event developed by the Morehead Film Committee to give students hands-on experience with filming.

Student teams are given a line, prop, genre and character that must be used during the film. The films must be a minimum of four minutes and a maximum of eight with one minute of credits. The films also have to be G or PG rated.

Hill said teams are given the

information Friday at 6 p.m. and have until Monday at noon to complete the film.

This year the line was "It's just noise to me," the prop was a mousetrap, the character was Aaron Heenik, and the genre was horror.

Ten teams competed in the challenge and eight of the films were completed by deadline.

Hill said, "The fact that they can even get the films done in



Dozens of students wait outside Chakares University Cinema Monday night for the fourth annual Morehead Film Challenge.

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## Changes

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Requests for proposals have not been sent to any vendors for Building Services, Walters said. Administrators are developing specifications that will be put in a proposal, such as the frequency of the cleaning of facilities and the types of cleaning services.

Walters said six years ago

MSU collaborated with vendors for the bookstore but did not issue any formal requests for proposals. And in 2004 when the state was experiencing a budget cut, the university asked Aramark to do a "feasibility study" for Building Services. But when the results were returned, the decision was made to keep the operation in-house.

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for the university five years or more, Walter said. Those workers would have the option of remaining on the university's payroll and participating in the state retirement system, or transferring to the new company's payroll. Workers employed fewer than five years would be "transitioned" to the payroll of the contractor.

Once proposals are received, administrators will comb through them to check

the reputation of the vendor, look at customer service programs and ensure the company is financially sound, Walters said.

"There's a lot of considerations that go into it as opposed to just comparing dollar for dollar," he said. After evaluating the proposals, the decision will be made on whether to keep the bookstore or privatize it. If the bookstore is privatized, the transition would occur July 1.

Walters said the transition would be as "transparent" as possible, and there would not be any visual differences. The bookstore would remain in the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

The bookstore, if privatized, would sponsor university activities, he said, adding that students who have to defer payments and buy textbooks specifically at the University Bookstore still would be able to do so.



Photo by Carlo Angerer

Cagney Bellinger, right, interviews Matt Hatfield at the Morehead Film Challenge. Approximately 350 people came to watch the eight completed movies.

## Film

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that amount of time - kudos to them. It's no small feat."

Taking home first place in the challenge was the Iced Fire Productions team with the film "Open House." Executive producer Brad Allen, said the film is about a crazed realtor killing and finding clients by searching the Internet.

"We wanted something original but still to stick to the basics," Allen said.

The team worked on the film for 25 hours. Allen said the best part of the process was seeing how everyone came together when a camera ate the tapes.

Allen has competed the last three years and said to finally win is amazing.

"It was a sigh of relief," he said. "I couldn't believe it and still can't. It's amazing."

The second place winner was Motion Art Productions with the film "Catch and Deceit," about a group of college students trying to win money by staying in a haunted cabin.

Executive producer Alex Harris said it took eight hours to create a concrete story line and 39 hours to complete the film.

"No sleep's the key," Hall said.

Hall said it was great to

work with a team and achieve a common goal. But the team members did run into some problems finding locations because they got lost - and everyone was car sick.

The third place winner was Amazing Time Productions with the film "Three Hours Later," about a man who must help save his sister's life.

Executive Producer Cal Harris said it took about nine hours of shooting to complete the film.

They all got together on Friday night to brainstorm, but had the idea for the opening scene for a while, he said.

Harris said the actors didn't

get to see the completed product until the show, and that was the best part.

Audience member Nathan Cromer said he really liked "Three Hours Later."

"I have a natural bias because I watched a lot of their stuff on the Internet," Cromer said.

Hill said, "It's not about who wins, it's about watching other people's films and the experience."



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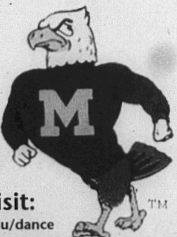
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# OPINION

## EDITORIAL

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### SGA not living up to responsibility

Each spring and fall, the Student Government Association (SGA) elections are held on campus, and fresh faces are added to the list of student body representatives. In many colleges, SGA plays an integral role in the governing of the school. It's members have a vital voice in the decision-making process of the administration, and at many schools, student government has successfully advocated for students' rights, and won.

But each spring and fall when elections roll around at Morehead State University, students can be heard all over campus asking, "What exactly does our SGA do?" The answer, quite frankly, is not much.

SGA officers and the student congress at MSU hide behind the mask of public service and charities, touting their work for such projects as Spring Break, Spring Back, and the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

These are worthy endeavors and SGA representatives are to be applauded for giving support.

But does the SGA executive council work just as hard for issues that are crucial to their fellow students? Tuition rates are at a record high at MSU, and the cost is only going to keep increasing with the proposed state budget cuts. SGA has, to its credit, sponsored a tuition forum addressing ideas that could keep costs lower for part-time students, urged students to attend a Rally for Higher Education in Frankfurt, and even sponsored the ride to the state capital. Unfortunately though, SGA has failed its constituents during a vital time.

SGA in recent years has not stepped up and taken key steps that might help keep tuition affordable for most students.

Has our student government sought to bring state legislators to campus, so we could speak to them one-on-one and plead for their support? No.

Has SGA lobbied Congress, other than during the Rally for Higher Education, for lower tuition? No.

Most importantly - has SGA recently petitioned the MSU Board of Regents for relief from the annual tuition increases negatively impacting students, their families and the region? No.

SGA representatives must stop existing simply as rubber stamp facilitators for every new change, increase, and policy the administration comes up with and start serving the student body.

Every time there is a new SGA election, those running claim they want to "make a difference." They want to make SGA a "true voice of the students." Those who get elected - often running unopposed, as in the upcoming SGA presidential election - criticize the low voter turnout, and low attendance at SGA meetings, saying students just don't care. And most of the student body continues to go around for another year asking "just what is the purpose of the SGA?"

Does anybody see a pattern here?



### Commentary

## The party's over, Hillary



Carlo Angerer  
Photo Editor

At every party there are those who just don't want to leave. There's no booze left, the music has stopped and the clean-up crew has arrived. Still they hang out at the bar, bawling out songs from the '90s.

The Democratic Party has that problem right now.

Hillary Clinton is still hanging out. She hasn't realized the party is over and Barack Obama is the presidential nominee. Obama has nearly 200 more pledged delegates than Clinton, has won

more states and leads in the popular vote nationwide. The longer the two candidates bicker, the more chances Republican opponent John McCain has to look presidential and get ready for the general election. Clinton's behavior is starting to hurt the Democratic Party.

By party rules Clinton has every right to stay in the campaign. Obama still needs about 400 delegates to reach the 2,024 delegates necessary to seal the nomination. But on the campaign trail the Clintons like to play a little bit off the book - by Clintonian rules. Even by those standards it's obvious to most that the time has come for Hillary to get out of the

race. Before the Texas and Ohio elections Clinton's biggest cheerleader, her husband Bill, declared she needed to win both states to be the Democratic nominee. Now it looks as if she didn't. As the Texas caucus results trickle in, it appears Obama will end up with more Texas delegates than Clinton. As of Wednesday night he was ahead by five delegates according to published reports.

Of course, it's great if Bill Clinton shows up in Morehead and Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama come to Kentucky. But ultimately those rallies will not help the nation. Arguing

among the Democrats will not fix the mortgage crisis or inflation. A political discussion between the Democratic and Republican candidates about these issues could.

If McCain and Obama could start their general election campaign now, they would have half a year to present their ideas to the American people, who could then make an informed decision in the voting booth.

Clinton has forgotten the American people in her struggle for position and power. She continues to fight a losing battle and the Democratic hosts are growing weary.

The party's over Hillary - go home.

### Commentary

## MSU grads enter the final stretch



Sarah Perry  
Editor

Graduation is nearly here for many of us, and time is running short. Every senior (scheduled to graduate) is running on empty, loaded with work and worried about his or her future. And sleep - well, that's a dream that's not coming true anytime soon.

Graduation is a scary thing, and the weeks leading up to it are stressful for those

of us about to meet the world head on. It's our time to jump into the fray and prove the worth of our education and degrees to everyone - and to ourselves. And the rejection is heartbreaking. Each rejection letter, either for internship, grad schools or jobs, is a stab to the heart and weakens our egos. Was my resume not good enough? Did I blow the interview?

And all this comes at a time when crunch time is overwhelming - we can't afford to slack on anything. Term papers are due, portfolios

have to be perfect and complete and seniors must display their superior knowledge to faculty through presentations. Deadlines are essential, and during a time like this, stress can be a senior's worst enemy.

We need to learn to slow down. And the people around us - professors, parents, employers, whenever - need to give us a break once in a while. Have some pity. Right now life absolutely sucks and is amazing all in the same instant, and sometimes, it's hard to deal with that. Every

night we lie awake wondering if we did all right on a test or aced the interview that could either: (A) Get us from one pivotal point in life to the next, or (B.) Indicate we're going to be scrounging off our parents for another few months before the NEXT interview rolls around.

Seniors - let's end our hair, ruffle it up, take off our shoes, and walk barefoot in the grass. Breathe. Relax. Slow down. Just for a minute. At least until the next deadline.

For this week's Online Student Poll results, see Campus Life, page 5.

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### Campus Comment

## Is SGA effective on campus?



Ally Miller  
Freshman  
Pre-pharmacy  
Raceland,  
Ky.

"Yes, because I think there are lots of opportunities for students and everything runs smoothly at the events I've been at."



Gary Salyers  
Freshman  
Pre-optometry  
Wheelerburg,  
Ohio

"Yes. It does good things for the students."



Kyle Chaney  
Freshman  
Pre-dentistry  
Pikeville, Ky.

"I don't know anything about SGA."



Nikki Murphy  
Sophomore  
Communication  
Menifee County,  
Ky.

"Yes, they give us a lot of different opportunities for things and get students involved in a variety of things."

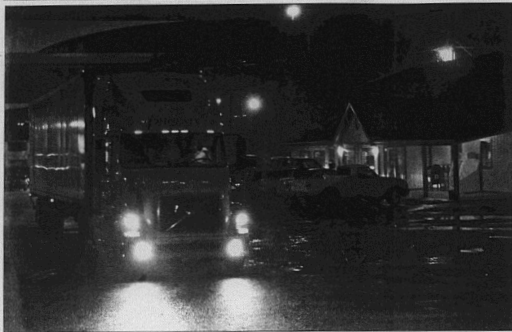
SGA will hold it's Executive General Election on April 8. The Trail Blazer asked students about SGA.

# CAMPUS LIFE

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## 'Smokey Valley goodness' keeps truckin'

SAVANA PENNY - Editor



The Smokey Valley Truck Stop, featured on Food Network in March, proves to be a favorite eatery for truckers and MSU students any time of day.

The sizzle from the grill echoes across the restaurant, teasing the stomachs of the college students and truck drivers anxiously waiting at their tables for a big, greasy burger. A short, stout woman hustles across the floor and writes down orders as her

blonde ponytail bobs up and down. Sweat glistens on her forehead as she rings up another customer.

Three young men glide through the door and head straight to the jukebox in the back. As they glance through the selections, the woman hur-

ries around, gathering dishes from tables and fetching drinks. Suddenly, "She's a lady" blasts through the building, and the woman stops.

"Whooooaaaaaaa, she's a lady," she sings, wiggling her eyebrows and dancing across the floor. She heads to the old wooden booth where the three young men are sitting.

"What'll it be tonight, boys?" she asks, hands on hips.

All the boys want is the signature classic that landed the Olive Hill diner on national television — the double-stacked, artery-clogging Smokey Valley Burger.

Smokey Valley Truck Stop, located just off Interstate 64 about 20 miles east of Morehead, was recently featured on the Food Network's Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives — a show Guy Fieri hosts to scout out local eateries and sample the food.

Fieri tried the valley burger and coconut cream pie — a staple for many MSU students.

Since owner Juanita Flannery and her late husband Benny first opened the restaurant in 1978, students have been good customers, she says.

The restaurant was a gamble for the couple. When Benny lost his job, they decided to take a risk and borrowed a hefty sum to build the truck stop.

Flannery says she never thought the business would be so successful, and was "nervous" when the Food Network

called her up.

"We talked on the phone... I never really thought much more about it because I didn't think we were anything they'd be looking for," Flannery says. "I said, 'The food's not special — it's just plain old food.' And she called back."

Since the show aired, business has tripled, Flannery says. Forty MSU students stopped by last week.

Flannery says she appreciates the trip students make to get there — especially because "everything's so expensive now with gas." But the truck stop offers more to Morehead students than just the food, Penny

Perry, a server who works night shift, is as much of an attraction as the legendary burger. She sings, serves and strolls across the floor Marilyn Monroe style. Her attitude is all part of the atmosphere.

Perry sits down in the booth with the three boys and slaps one on the back. Chris Lacey, an MSU graduate, takes a bite of his Valley Burger.

"I like Penny," he says, mayonnaise and pickles dripping from his mouth. "But this is too much burger for one man to comprehend — I mean you have to squeeze it to be able to fit it in your mouth."

Lacey started coming to the truck stop about a year ago after he graduated at MSU. He says he was introduced to the "Smokey Valley goodness" by a friend, and comes back two to three times a week.

Lacey says would have started coming a whole lot sooner if he hadn't been busy with homework and "suffering" from Alumnus pizza.

"I love the jukebox and the atmosphere and the burger that keeps on going," Lacey says. "It feels like home — it feels like a little cabin out in the woods where you can relax and eat."

Matthew Kelley, a graduate student, frequently makes the trip to Smokey Valley. He says he likes the restaurant's food, but he "really likes it because the waitresses and waiters are really fun."

Kelley says Perry is the best part about Smokey Valley — the permanent fixture that makes it like home.

"I mean, I didn't even

know her that first night, but I fell in love," Kelley says. "Even though you can tell she's been there all night, (when) she's down on her feet, she's still really perky."

Perry says she's worked at the restaurant for more than seven years, and her favorite crowd is MSU students. She thinks the food is what draws in the young crowd, especially the Valley Burger.

"They love it," she says. "They say it's the best burger they've ever eaten."

Perry has nicknames for some MSU students. She calls one trio Cat, Dog and Midget — but the teasing doesn't bother them. They say it's one reason students flock to the diner.

"(It's) the food, the atmosphere, the fact that us girls are crazy," she says. "We're all crazy and we all have a good time. They pick on me and I just let it ride."

A customer yells out from the check-out line, saying he needs change.

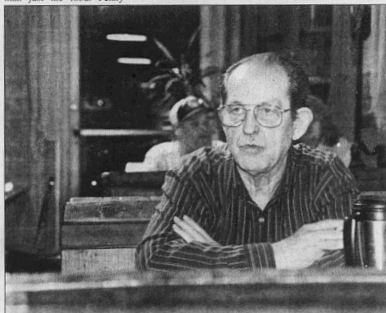
"Watch this," Perry giggles, slapping the table and winking. "Here's how I do it."

She saunters up to the register and flashes a big smile for the older man. She slides the remaining cash, after the tip, in the drawer and shuts it with one final click.

At about midnight, the three young men slide out of the wooden booth and stand up, stretching their arms in the air and rubbing their swollen stomachs. After they pay their bill, they leave and climb in their truck, ready for the 50-mile drive home for the third time this week.



Olive Hill native Lou Ison has cooked at the truck stop for 14 years.



Trucker John Hunt of Loogontee, Ind., makes weekly stops at the restaurant when he drives through the area.

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# Proposal provides new TVs

HEATHER WEBB - Staff Writer

The new televisions in ADUC and Howell-McDowell displaying weather and campus information have students questioning where their tuition money is being spent.

Student Ashleigh Rodriguez says, "I think it's ridiculous. Especially with the proposed budget cuts, there are so many other things

meant to be digital information systems used for important and relevant messages to students, faculty and staff.

Jami Hornbuckle, assistant vice president for communications and marketing, said the digital information systems grew from a request by the Student Government Association for a digital sign in the student center to display

library, will receive screens in the near future.

"We had to start slowly with the pilot project and I think there may be people that think that all these monitors only display the weather," Hornbuckle said. "People will find that has changed already."

The systems will display information about campus events, student organizations, important dates for such things as registration and FAFSA, deadlines and other information important to campus constituencies, Hornbuckle said.

"It became clear that in light of situations like Virginia Tech, the more channels and ways we could provide to communicate with people on campus, the better off we would be," Hornbuckle says.

Brent Jones outlined the goals of the displays in his 2006-2007 proposal submitted to the University Planning Committee.

The proposal, titled Enterprise Digital Content Display Project (EDCDP), states one main objective hoped to be met by the digital displays is to improve communication and achieve an accessible and friendly environment for student support services for all students.

Everyone must keep in mind this is an ongoing, always-expanding process, Jones said. Over time there will be more content and displays as the project grows. This will take more time and money, as well as personnel to program the content to be relevant and timely to campus.

The initial cost of the TVs was \$92,000, money awarded to the program from a Strategic Budget Initiative Fund. The EDCDP proposal was submitted to the University Planning Committee and was approved by the President's Cabinet during the 2006-2007 school year.

Michael Hogge, assistant director for Multimedia and Video Systems, said, though some of the displays have been installed for months now, the hard part of the installation is not over.

The screens are easy to put up, but obtaining and programming a server and the software so information can be shared throughout campus takes more time. As the process unfolds, the TVs will have more features, he said.

Currently the information displayed on the TVs can be seen on channel 82 of MSU cable services.

Jones said administrators want the project to be more of a collaborative work between

faculty working with the program and the students. Students should call or e-mail Jami Hornbuckle about ideas of other high-traffic locations and pertinent content that could be added.

Still, some students are skeptical about the digital displays.

Student Rachel Cooley says, "No one ever looks at the ones in ADUC because they only ever have weather and bulletins on. They serve no purpose except to make the school look good to incoming high school students and their parents. I don't know what the money could go to, but it was a waste on those TVs."



Photo by Carlo Angerer

The purpose of the TVs on campus is to help spread information — but some students think the TVs are

we need more. The management needs to learn to prioritize and put first things first, not just make things pretty."

But beautifying campus was not what brought the TVs to campus. Brent Jones, director of Information Technology, said the TVs are

upcoming events and important announcements.

Hornbuckle said ADUC and Howell-McDowell were chosen as locations for the displays because they are high traffic areas, but more locations, such as the Alumni Tower dining area and the



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April 3

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April 7 - 11

Registration for Summer I, II, and Fall 2008

April 8

Blood Drive  
Button Drill Room  
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

"Let the Good Times Roll"  
RHA's '80s Dance Party  
Crager Room  
7-10 p.m.

MSU Faculty Jazz Concert  
Duncan Recital Hall  
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April 9

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## Ladies take two of three against T-Tech

CARLO ANGERER — Sports Editor

For the first time since 1991, the on Saturday afternoon at home the Softball Eagles won a doubleheader against Tennessee Tech.

The game on Sunday turned into a 1-0 win for Tennessee Tech after a long fight from the Morehead State Eagles. It took the Tennessee

Tech team until the top of the 12th inning to put a score on the board.

Saturday was a more successful day for the Lady Eagles. They beat the Golden Eagles 4-1 and 1-0.

MSU is now 20-7 overall and 5-4 in the OVC.



Senior Karli Quinn pitched against Tennessee Tech; the MSU pitching staff now ranks among the nation's top 10 according to NCAA statistics.

## Eagle of the Week

Chris Burns — Staff Writer

The softball Eagles beat Tennessee Tech twice last weekend for the first time since 1991, with some help from pitcher Alex Gjevrev, who has been named 'Eagle of the Week' by the Trail Blazer sports staff.

Gjevrev had a career day on the mound for the Lady Eagles, striking out 14 in the first game of a doubleheader against Tennessee Tech on Saturday.

"I didn't know how many strikeouts I had until my coaches told me after the game. I was just trying to focus on every pitch and where to place it," Gjevrev said.

Gjevrev pitched a complete game allowing only 6 hits and 1 earned run while striking out over half of the batters she faced.

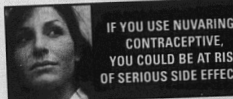
As for the offense, the Eagles gave Gjevrev support driving in 4 runs on 8 hits.

Gjevrev said she doesn't get too stressed when she feels the offense hasn't driven in enough runs in a game she is pitching.

"I'm used to the pressure. I'm a pitcher. It makes me better," Gjevrev said.

The Lady Eagles are now 20-7 on the season and are pushing for the OVC championship in the near future.

The Eagles will play their next six games on the road against Western Kentucky, Austin Peay, and Eastern Kentucky.



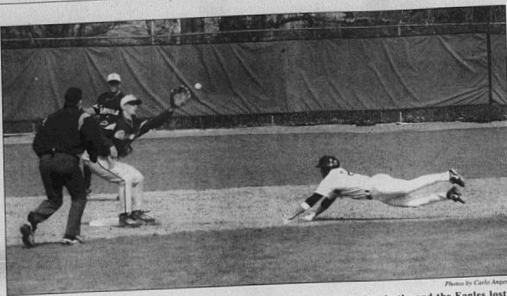
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MSU's Michael Bottoms was able to steal a base against Eastern Kentucky, but in the end the Eagles lost two of three games against the Colonels over the weekend.

## Eagles run out of steam in ECU matchup

CARLO ANGERER — Sports Editor

### Lack of pitching depth hurts baseball team in struggle against Colonels

The Weekend had started so promising for the MSU baseball team, but then it all collapsed.

The Eagles started the doubleheader against Eastern Kentucky with their first, OVC win on Saturday at Allen Field. They took the opener 3-2 in 11 innings.

The second game already showed some deterioration in the Eagles' play and ECU took the 6-2 victory.

On Sunday the Eagles' defense collapsed and the Colonels thrashed the Eagles 17-7, scoring four runs in each of the last three innings.

The team's main issue right now is lack of pitching. As Freshman Pitcher Trey Smith closed out the game, nobody was left in the bullpen warming up.

MSU Head Coach Jay Sorg realizes this problem and said it shows, especially after a long weekend, like last week's three-game OVC series against ECU.

Sorg said there is little that can be done

about the lack of pitching depth for this season.

"We're gonna keep on improving with what we have," he said. "Then we have to do a better job recruiting."

Offensively, the team is improving.

During the ECU game series the Eagles put 12 runs on the scoreboard; that is more than double the number of runs scored during their series against Eastern Illinois the weekend before, where the Eagles lost all three games (3-2, 4-1, 16-2).

Even during the 17-7 loss the Eagles scored first and showed potential.

In the first inning with just one out the bases were loaded. MSU Senior Andrew Wertz hit was caught in the outfield, but Senior First Baseman Christian Winstanley was able to get a run in.

Sophomore J.D. Ashbrook struck out, but MSU had a 1-0 lead.

The Eagles improved the score to 2-0 during the second inning, but then ECU started fighting back and ultimately overpowered the Eagles for the 17-7 victory.

Coach Sorg still looks optimistically ahead.

"We are in a competitive conference," he said. "We've just got to keep getting better. There is no magic formula, we just have to do more work."

Wednesday night's game against Marshall University showed prospect for the Eagles. They defeated the Herd 6-3 at home.

They will travel to Austin Peay for a three-game OVC series over the weekend.

end.



MSU's Michael Fahs pitched against ECU Sunday afternoon. Overall the Morehead State pitching staff lacks depth, Coach Sorg says.

## Athletes overcome troubles everyday

### From the Sports Desk

CARLO ANGERER — Sports Editor

Watching a basketball or softball game is not only entertaining. It can teach students more about real life than some college courses could.

Student athletes shows in every game how we can overcome obstacles.

MSU Senior Allie



Horikofsky was hit in the face by a softball when it slipped out of her glove as she tried to catch it. She kept on playing.

Other athletes overcome troubles like that in every game. They keep up their spirits and continue to fight for the win.

As this semester nears its end Students will be faced with obstacles in courses. They should look to Athletes for inspiration.

Note: In last week's column I misspoke when I wrote that MSU Baseball Coach Jay Sorg made the promise for big successes, like winning the OVC. In fact, he did not promise this, but he did set these goals and he says, the team will work towards these goals.

## Racers swept

CARLO ANGERER — Sports Editor

The MSU men's tennis team beat Murray State 7-0 Friday at home. Senior Greg Johnstone started the Eagles off with a 6-2, 6-0 win in his last home match.

"We really stepped up today," MSU coach Kevin Fulson said in a press release.

Meanwhile the women's team fell 6-1 against the Racers.

Wednesday night the men's team fell 6-0 at UK.

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